



Hello Montague Street Businesses,

Thanks to EVERYONE who has been sharing information and resources with us. We're doing our best curate and share accurate information and resources, but keep in mind that things are changing fast.

We've got a lot to share today:

(1) As of today, March 22 at 8pm all businesses must close until further notice unless they are considered an essential businesses. Essential businesses and essential workers may continue to operate as normal, unless a special restriction has been placed on them (e.g. restaurants may only provide take out and delivery. For a list of essential services and essential workers, **click here**

(2) Tips for Small Businesses Owners:

- Talk to your landlord about your situation.
- Call your insurance
- Call your credit card company and see what they are offering
- Keep written records of all of the above emails, calls, texts and conversations, when they happened, next steps and outcomes.

(3) Need free advice? The Brooklyn Small Business Development Center may be able to help. **Click here** for more information.

(4) The IRS/Treasury/Labor have announced help regarding Tax Credits and Paid Leave. It may be worth you chatting with your accountant. **Click here** for the website with more information.

(5) Grantspace has put together a resource page for artists and non-profits to find assistance for financial hardship. Go **here** and the **NYFA** is giving \$5,000 grants to artists.

(6) The Hebrew Free Loan Society is offering interest free loans. Click **here** for more information

(7) New York State's Shared Work Program provides an alternative to laying off workers during business downturns Watch the video which explains how it works and how to apply, **here's the website**

(8) NYC Small Business Services - Employee Retention Grant Program application process is now live. This program is available to New York City businesses with one to four employees that can demonstrate at least a 25% decrease in revenue as a result of COVID-19. Eligible businesses will receive a grant covering up to 40% of their payroll for two months. Businesses can access up to \$27,000. For more information and to apply, **click here**

(9) The U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) Economic Injury Disaster Loans offers up to \$2 million in low interest loans to help small businesses overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing. The loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can't be paid because of the disaster's impact. The interest rate is 3.75% for small businesses without credit available elsewhere; businesses with credit available elsewhere are not eligible. The interest rate for non-profits is 2.75%. For more information, **click here**

(10) Information about deferred mortgage and tax payments along with daily updates from Governor Andrew Cuomo, can be found **here**

(11) File for tax abatements **here**

(12) Information from Mayor deBlasio and the City of New York can be found

**here**

(13) For information from Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, click **here**

(14) Job Seekers **click here** to keep up to date on available resources

(15) The Montague BID Ambassadors have increased cleaning in public spaces, and are observing strict sanitary protocols such as frequent hand washing and social distancing.

(16) All events remain canceled until further notice. Follow our social media (**Instagram** and **Facebook**) for future event updates.

(17) If you have a need, an idea or something to share with the community, please reach out to us **here**.

(18) New York Police Department has continued normal operations and they are asking the public to call the non-emergency number 311 for any issues that are not life threatening, which will help keep the 911 line and staff available for emergencies.

(19) Stay safe and up-to-date. Follow the CDC **webpage** and WHO **webpage** and New York City's **webpage** for the most up-to-date information.

(20) Need to get out for some exercise? The Parks are still open! Enjoy yourself and practice social distancing

(21) To receive text updates from the City, Text COVID to 692-692

### **If you or someone that you know needs personal help beyond what is mentioned above:**

(1) Invisible Hands can help with groceries and prescription deliveries for vulnerable people. Visit **[www.invisiblehandsdeliver.com](http://www.invisiblehandsdeliver.com)** to request assistance.

(2) If you are feeling extremely anxious, depressed or hopeless, text 741741 to be connected to a trained Crisis Text Line counselor. This service is free, confidential and available 24/7. For more information, visit **[www.crisistextline.org](http://www.crisistextline.org)**

### **Can you lend a hand?**

(1) Restaurants need our help! Order takeout or delivery. Tell Congress restaurants need help. Text RECOVERY to 52886 #restaurantrecovery

(2) Shop local. Shop online. Many of our businesses are offering gift cards. Visit their websites or our Instagram feed @montaguebid to keep up to date on the latest information.

(3) Kindness. We're all in this together.

- Check on neighbors
- Offer to shop for a senior in your building who may be vulnerable
- Report price gouging to 311
- Make eye contact and smile with people on the street while you're social distancing -- it goes along way during times of isolation
- If you have a doorman or maintenance person in your building, think about ordering them a meal or giving them a gift card
- If you can, tip and thank delivery people.

(4) Invisible Hands: If you're healthy and able to, sign up with the nonprofit to help deliver groceries, prescriptions and whatever else they may need to their doorstep. Visit them at **[www.invisiblehandsdeliver.com](http://www.invisiblehandsdeliver.com)**

Special thanks to all of you who continue to support our neighboring business by purchasing gift cards, shopping online and ordering take out and delivery.

**Click here** to join Neil Diamond in a little Sweet Caroline handwashing song.

Stay well, stay safe and shop local.

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